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1. As a result of the new power installations erected in East Germany as of 31 December 1954, equipment with a capacity of 470.7 mw had been linked to the grid, and equipment with a capacity of 209.1 mw was on trial. Of the latter, equipment with a capacity of 176 mw had proved successful after being tested the first four months of 1955 and had been linked to the grid by 30 April 1955.
2. Of the new construction planned for 1955 to increase the power output by 626.3 mw, equipment with a capacity of 104.1 mw had been linked to the grid by 30 April 1955. This was 68 per cent, over and above the amount anticipated (61.8 per cent). In addition, new installations with a capacity of 77.2 mw were on trial on 30 April.
3. The latest plans for the development of power plants in East Germany in 1956 are as follows:

<u>Plant</u>	<u>Planned Increase in Capacity</u>
Braunkohlenwerk Erich Weinert, Deuben near Zeitz	20 mw
VEB Leuna-Werke "Walter Ulbricht", Leuna	25 mw
VEB Kalikombinat "Ernst Thaelmann", Merkers	17 mw
Braunkohlenwerk Ammendorf, Halle/Saale	3.2 mw
VEB Deutsches Hydrierwerk Rodleben	5 mw
VEB Baumwollspinnerei Falkenau, Falkenau-Flecha	3.2 mw
VEB Kaliwerk Heiligenreda, Dornsdorf	2 mw
VEB Zellstoffwerk Greedits (formerly Kuebler & Niethammer)	3.2 mw
VEB Papierfabrik Golsern	3.2 mw
VEB Fahlberg-Wist, Magdeburg-Suedost	2 mw
VEB Gummiwerk Riesa	2 mw
VEB Spinnerei und Weberei, Ebersbach	3.2 mw

These plans have not yet been approved by the Council of Ministers.

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4. Plans are now nearing completion for the erection of a new thermal 45 mw plant at Leipzig-Suedost; for a 12.5 mw plant at Pirna in the former tuberculosis sanatorium near Sonnenstein; and for a very powerful plant at the brown-coal coke combine which is to be set up near Trattendorf named Schwarze Pumpe. It is hoped to complete the two first projects by the end of 1957, and the last by 1958/60.

5. One of the principal causes of delay in the completion of boilers is the shortage in East Germany of high-temperature-resisting bolts and rivets. A large number of these have to be obtained [redacted] but shortage of funds has recently caused trouble. The Finance Department of the Ministry of Foreign Trade was asked to make a special allocation [redacted]

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